

**In the Claims:           Kindly amend the claims 7, 10, 17, and 20 as follows. A complete listing of the claims is herein included.**

1.     **(original)** A surround sound system, comprising:
  - a surround sound tower being vertically disposed;
  - a base plate being horizontally disposed; and
  - means for positioning the surround sound tower on the base plate, the surround sound
  - 5           tower being mounted on, and normal to, the positioning means.
  
2.     **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 1, wherein the positioning means comprises:
  - means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base
  - plate; and
  - means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means.
  
3.     **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 2,
  - wherein the angular rotation indicating means comprises a pointer plate having a visible
  - marking,
  - wherein the facilitating means comprises a plurality of ball bearings, and
  - 5           wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of angular indications.
  
4.     **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 1, wherein the surround sound tower comprises
  - at least one feature selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel
  - speaker and a tweeter module.
  
5.     **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 4, wherein the tweeter module comprises a
  - tweeter.
  
6.     **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 5, wherein the tweeter module further comprises
  - a detachable permeable tweeter housing disposed around the tweeter.

7. **(currently amended)** A system, as recited in Claim 6, further comprising a binding post disposed at a rear surface of the tower for both electronically and mechanically binding the tower to the positioning means.
8. **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising means for indicating a sonic intensity.
9. **(original)** A system, as recited in Claim 8, wherein the sonic intensity indicating means comprises a light pipe.
10. **(currently amended)** A surround sound system, comprising:
  - a surround sound tower;
  - a base plate;
  - means for positioning the surround sound tower on the base plate, the surround sound tower being mounted on the positioning means,
  - wherein the positioning means comprises:
    - means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; and
    - means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means, and
  - wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of angular indications,
  - wherein the surround sound tower comprises at least one feature selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel speaker and a tweeter module;
  - a binding post disposed at a rear surface of the tower for both electronically and mechanically binding the tower to the positioning means; and
  - means for indicating a sonic intensity.
11. **(original)** A surround sound method, comprising:
  - providing a surround sound tower being vertically disposed;
  - providing a base plate being horizontally disposed; and
  - providing means for positioning the surround sound tower on the base plate, the surround sound tower being mounted on, and normal to, the positioning means.

12. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 11, wherein the positioning means providing step comprises:  
providing means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; and  
5 providing means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means.
13. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 12,  
wherein the angular rotation indicating means providing step comprises providing a pointer plate having a visible marking,  
wherein the facilitating means providing step comprises providing a plurality of ball  
5 bearings, and  
wherein the base plate providing step comprises providing a plurality of angular indications.
14. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 11, wherein the surround sound tower providing step comprises providing at least one feature selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel speaker and a tweeter module.
15. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 14, wherein the tweeter module providing step comprises providing a tweeter.
16. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 15, wherein the tweeter module providing step further comprises providing a detachable permeable tweeter housing disposed around the tweeter.
17. **(currently amended)** A method, as recited in Claim 16, further comprising providing a binding post disposed at a rear surface of the tower for both electronically and mechanically binding the tower to the positioning means.
18. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising providing means for indicating a sonic intensity.

19. **(original)** A method, as recited in Claim 18, wherein the sonic intensity indicating means providing step comprises providing a light pipe.
20. **(currently amended)** A method, as recited in Claim 11,  
wherein the positioning means providing step comprises:
  - providing means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower  
relative to the base plate; and
  - providing means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means,  
wherein the base plate providing step comprises providing a plurality of angular  
indications,  
wherein the surround sound tower providing step comprises providing at least one feature  
selected from a group consisting essentially of a center channel speaker and a  
tweeter module,  
further comprising providing a binding post disposed at a rear surface of the tower for  
both electronically and mechanically binding the tower to the positioning means;  
and  
further comprising providing means for indicating a sonic intensity.